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"I have never belonged to any political party and have never engaged in politics. I have never been sentenced. My relations with the DARNAND and AGNELLY families were concerned with family matters.

"I knew DARNAND in the early years of the war 1939-40. He spent his summer vacations at Valdeblone where I was the parish priest. I only knew him through newspaper reports at Nice at the time of the 'Cagoule'. He asked me to give private lessons to his son which I did until I was mobilized in April 1940. I only saw the father of my pupil twice during the early days of the war. After demobilization I saw him from time to time, but almost always with his wife and son. We never discussed politics, but I sometime heard Mme. DARNAND mention the names of some of her husband's political friends. I do not recall having met any of them, except one man who had been wounded and had had one leg amputated, a M. FOURNIER, who was a friend of the DARNAND family.

"Mme. DARNAND did not seem to be thoroughly informed of her husband's activity, and even complained occasionally at being left out. We discussed the son's school work, and various generalities which had nothing to do with politics. She seemed to have few friends, and neither she or her husband gave me any contacts.

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" I gradually drifted away from the son, who was under the influence of other priests, and I retained only formal relations with the family. These relations decreased after the departure from Vichy, and from that time on I had no contact with the DARNAND family. My arrival in Paris did not change this state of affairs.

" In February 1940 I learned of the death of Lieutenant AGNELLY, whom I had heard of through DARNAND's son without ever having seen him. I had known one of AGNELLY's sons, Claude during a vacation period with Philippe DARNAND. This contact was the reason for my writing Mme. AGNELLY a letter of condolence and for several years she sent both of her sons to me at Valdeblorre.

" I knew no more about the political activities of the AGNELLY family in Paris than I had known of those of DARNAND in Nice. I was under the impression that the whole AGNELLY family were disciples of DARNAND, and that the son as well as Mme AGNELLY, were members of the Milice.

" I admit having asked Mlle Gonette LEROY to transmit my personal regards to the AGNELLY family and to Joseph DARNAND, if she should meet him. I swear that in neither case were there politics involved."

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